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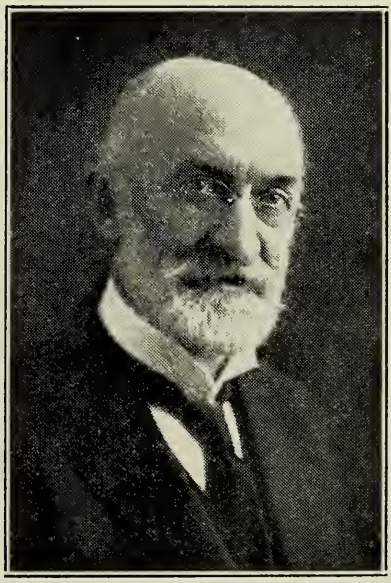
PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS.

Opening address delivered by President Heber J. Grant at the 99th Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, 5th, 6th, 7th April, 1929.

I rejoice to have the opportunity of again meeting with the Saints in general conference. I am very grateful for this splendid audience, considering the inclemency of the weather. I most earnestly pray that while we are assembled here together the prayer that has been offered may be answered and we may have a rich outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord, that those who address us, those who offer prayers and those who sing for us may be inspired and blessed of our Heavenly Father.

It has been one of the joys of my life to attend, from my childhood days until the present time, the general conferences of the Church, and to partake of the remarkable and wonderful blessings that have come to us from those who have been called upon to speak.



PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT.

It is customary at our annual conferences to give some information regarding the condition of the Church, financially and otherwise.

Missionary Work.

I rejoice to say that our missionary work all over the world is progressing favourably, and that from every mission we have earnest appeals for more missionaries. The work is very great and we do not have as many labourers as we would like to have, notwithstanding there are more than 2,000 missionaries out in the world to-day proclaiming the Gospel.

Church Expenditures.

The items that I thought would be of special interest to the conference I have prepared:

Stake and Ward Purposes—During the past year the Church has expended more than $1,200,000 for the erection of ward and stake buildings. The people themselves have contributed for this same purpose over $1,000,000.

Had the means been available we could have expended as much more, by responding to all the calls that have come to us for funds with which to construct church edifices. But inasmuch as the tithes of the people have not increased in proportion to the applications for funds (in fact, the tithes have increased very little, while the expenditures have increased over $500,000) we have been unable to do all that we should have liked to do.

Up until about twelve years ago no more than $300,000 in any one year was ever contributed by the Church to assist in building meeting houses.

Education.—There has been expended more than $900,000 for the construction and operation of Church schools, seminaries, and the two institutes that have been erected.

Missions.—For the maintenance and operation of missions and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions, there has been expended over $900,000.

Charity.—The total expenditure for charity rendered by the Church, including disbursements from fast offerings, and assistance rendered by the Relief Societies, is more than $800,000.

Missionary Work.—Various wards have assisted the missionaries by contributions of over $100,000, principally for the purpose of sending them to their fields of labour.

More than 2,000 missionaries have been sustained in the mission field at the expense of their families, at an average cost per missionary of at least $40 per month, or $960,000 a year; to say nothing about the value of the missionaries' time, which I am sure would be more than double this amount, as they could earn on an average more than twice their expenses.

Seminaries versus Church Schools.

There are to-day 12,500 students in our seminaries and 3,800 students in our Church schools. It is costing more than twice as much to support the 3,800 students in the Church schools as it is to support the 12,500 students in the seminaries. It costs over ten times as much per capita to give the same amount of religious instruction in our Church schools as is given in our seminaries.

It is only fair to say that the religious instruction given in our seminaries is equally as extensive and as thorough as that given in our Church schools. We have appeals from all over the Church, wherever Church schools are located, that we do not close these institutions. The people in each stake feel that their particular school is the one that ought not to be closed. While we are expending more now and have done so for the past three years than all the tithes paid by the people in the various stakes of Zion from Canada to Mexico, it is an impossibility to further extend our seminary system—which has been greatly expanded in the last three years—and still continue our Church schools. When you stop to reflect that it only costs a little less than one-tenth as much to educate our young people religiously in the seminaries as it does in the Church schools, you will realise that we are justified in curtailing our schools and in enlarging our seminaries—when we can give for the same amount as much if not a little more religious education to ten people in a seminary as we can give to one person in a school. We would be delighted if it were possible not only to keep each and every one of the Church schools operating, but to have more of them. I am sure that figuratively speaking it breaks the heart of the presidency and of each and all of the general authorities of the Church to close any one of the Church schools. We appreciate the wonderful labours that have been accomplished and the wonderful good that has been done in these schools, but we cannot, without facing a deficit, continue to expend three or four times as much money for building meeting houses and Church schools with only a very slight increase in our tithes.

Because of these facts we would like the people to understand that in closing Church schools and opening seminaries we shall be able to give religious instruction to about ten times as many students.

Statistical and Other Reports Compiled from the Church Records for the year 1928.

We have at the present time: Stakes in Zion, 101; wards, 938; independent branches, 74; dependent branches, 36; total wards and branches in the stakes of Zion, from Canada to Mexico, 1,048; missions, 27; mission branches, 813.

Church Growth.

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and missions	19,223
Children baptised in the stakes and missions	15,073
Converts baptised and entered on the records of the stakes and missions	6,040
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion, 31st December, 1928	1,941
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion, 31st December, 1928	160
Number of local missionaries	96
Total number of missionaries on foreign missions	2,197
Number engaged in missionary work in stakes	838
Total missionaries	3,035
Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home	929
Persons recommended to the temples	51,222

Social Statistics.

Birth rate, 29.9 per thousand.
Marriage rate, 14.7 per thousand.
Death rate, 7.8 per thousand.
Families owning their own homes, 70 per cent.

These figures speak very well for the Church. The first great commandment of the Lord, given to our first parents, was to multiply and replenish the earth. When it comes to the death rate, we have one of the lowest of any people, showing that we must be observing the laws of health—and the laws of health are the laws of God.

I have often said in my public addresses out in the world that when it comes to vital statistics, such as a high birth rate, a low death rate, a low insanity rate, a low divorce rate, in fact all the vital statistics that go to show that a people are a worthy and good people, we are making no apology to any one upon the face of the earth.

Church Institutes.

Speaking of education in our seminaries, we rejoice in the erection during the past year of an institute at Moscow, Idaho, where the young Latter-day Saints who are attending the University of Idaho can receive education religiously. We rejoice that only last Sunday an institute was dedicated where the young people attending the Agricultural college at Logan can have the opportunity of receiving religious training.

Importance of Religious Training.

One of the outstanding characters in the United States of America is Honorable James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor. He has this to say regarding religious training:

"Morality needs a religious base. A man can not be truly moral unless he is at the same time deeply religious. * * *

"Men may say what they will, but we shall never have a morality that respects the rights and integrity of others unless our morality has a religious sanction. To put morality on anything but a religious basis is to build on sand. It is religion that gives vision, strength, inspiration, and without it we are nothing. * * *

"I have children of my own, and I want them to grow up into men and women who believe that religion has a genuine message for them, as it has for me. I don't want them to develop into atheists and materialists. If there is no truth in the teachings of religion that have come down to us, of what earthly use would life be? If the world were under the control of blind forces operating without any direction, if there were no plan behind the creation of the world and man, and if after our little span of life here we were to lie down for eternity in a dreamless sleep, then I do not see what inspiration life would have for any of us. * * *

"It is the plants we prize that need our

care. So it is with the young. Nobody needs to train his son to be vicious. Let him go without training, and he will be that of his own accord. But virtue has to be cultivated, and we can never succeed in that if we let go our hold on religion.

"No nation ever lived and prospered without a religious faith of some sort. * * *

"No people has ever found a purely intellectual education enough in itself. A man may be ever so highly cultivated and still be a bad citizen. One of the greatest scholars of his day, Lord Bacon, took bribes as a judge on the bench, and eventually found himself a prisoner in the Tower of London. Probably the poet went too far in his indictment, but we see the wit in the judgment he passed on the man, as 'Brightest, wisest, meanest of mankind.' * * *

"As institutions where facts may be learned, our schools are worthy of all praise. But facts are not everything. They are not even the most important things in life. One might pack into his head every fact to be known, and yet never even glimpse the kingdom of truth.

"I would plead for a conception of education large enough to take into itself everything that deepens the human consciousness, that inspires the human soul, and gives one a vision of the eternities. This, a moral education, to use the word in the highest sense, will do. As every historian can show, morals divorced from religion are sorry affairs without any point. But morals not so divorced can rise to the height that religion itself has attained."

Statement by Coolidge.

Ex-President Coolidge made the following statements:—

"Our doctrine of equality and liberty, and humanity and charity, comes from our belief in the brotherhood of man through the fatherhood of God. The whole foundation of enlightened civilisation, in government, in society, and in business, rests on religion. Unless our people are thoroughly instructed in its great truths they are not fitted either to understand our institutions or to provide them with adequate support. For our independent colleges and secondary schools to be neglected of their responsibilities in this direction is to turn their graduates loose with simply an increased capacity to prey upon each other. Such a dereliction of duty would put in jeopardy the whole fabric of society. For our chartered institutions of learning to turn back to the material and neglect the spiritual would be treason, not only to the cause for which they were founded but to man and to God."

"We cannot remind ourselves too often that our right to be free, the support of our principles of justice, our obligations to each other in our domestic affairs, and our duty to humanity abroad, the confidence in each other necessary to support our social and economic relations, and finally, the fabric of our government itself, all rest on religion.

"Its importance cannot be stressed too often or emphasised too much."

The Value of the Gospel.

I believe that I can say without fear of contradiction that we as a people demonstrate by our actions that our religion is dearer to us and of more actual value than is the religion of any other people in the world to them. Where can you find a people, 2,000 persons of whom are giving their time and their attention without money and without price, labouring to bring others to a knowledge of the Gospel? I am sure that we realise the force of the statement made in that wonderful and remarkable revelation given to David Whitmer and Oliver Cowdery:

"Remember, the worth of souls is great in the sight of God;

"For, behold, the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore He suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto Him.

"And He hath risen again from the dead, that He might bring all men unto Him, on conditions of repentance.

"Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people.

"And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto Me, how great shall be your joy with Him in the kingdom of My Father!

"And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto Me in the kingdom of My Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto Me!"

We are bringing many souls unto a knowledge of the Gospel. I rejoice beyond all the power which God has given me to express my feelings, that the Latter-Day Saints in every land and in every clime, all over the world wherever the Gospel has gone, have been blessed with a testimony, with a knowledge of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged. I never have heard and never expect to hear the song, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet, to Guide Us in These Latter Days," but what my heart goes out in gratitude to God for choosing that wonderful young man, Joseph Smith, to restore to the earth again the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the plan of life and salvation. I rejoice that the missionaries who have been going out to proclaim this Gospel for ninety-nine long years have gone out under the inspiration of the living God, that they have declared that which they knew to be true; and that in every nation under heaven where the Gospel has gone, honest men and honest women, in answer to their own prayers and their supplications to God, have been blessed with the light and the knowledge of the Gospel, and of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith the prophet.

May God bless us during our assembly here to-day, and inspire all those who shall speak to us, is my humble prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Nations to Hear Mormon Choir.

Showing the nation-wide prominence of the Great Mormon Tabernacle and its famous organ and choir of many hundred voices comes the news from Salt Lake City that concerts by the above, under the auspices of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, have now become a

feature of a national radio broadcast each Sunday.

The Presiding Authorities were solicited by the National Broadcasting Company, so that these great concerts might be enjoyed, not only by those living in Salt Lake City, but throughout the United States and neighbouring countries.

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Faithful Servants.

Elders Leroy H. Duncan, Sheldon R. Free, Reed H. Beckstead and Charles W. Larson, each having filled successfully the position of District President in their respective fields of labour, are touring the greater portion of the South African Mission, visiting saints, investigators and friends in the interest of the missionary work, and concluding thirty-three months of dutiful and obedient and self-sacrificing labour as servants of the Master, under their appointed callings. These brethren will sail from Lourenco Marques aboard the s.s. "Usaramo," 26th August, at which time they will receive their honourable releases.

They will go by way of the Holy Land and tour Europe before returning home. They carry with them the love and admiration and esteem of their fellow-labourers, saints and friends, who all wish them safety in travelling over land and sea and much prosperity after they arrive home.

SPECIAL NEWS.

During the past two weeks President and Sister Don Mack Dalton have received letters from Former President Samuel Martin and Sister Martin, stating that they are well, happy and busy, and that they often think of their army of friends in South Africa. President Martin writes: "I have been so busy and rushed daily with business, church and home duties that it is absolutely impossible for me to think of attempting a letter to individuals; therefore, please impress upon that army of splendid saints and friends that there are very few days when we as a family fail to mention them and you in our devotions before the Lord."

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Elder Winslow Hurst has been transferred from the lecture tour to Port Elizabeth, and Elder J. Herman Smith from Johannesburg to the Bloemfontein-Kimberley Districts.

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A whirl of art, magic, dramatics and humour featured the Mowbray Y.M. and Y.L.M.I.A. concert presented on 14th August at "Cumorah." The affair was held to raise money for new hymn books and was eminently successful, as the hall was crowded to overflowing with enthusiastic saints and friends.

Perhaps the feature of the evening was the one-act farce, "Ferrill's Fix," in which the eccentricities of Brother Walter Park as James Derwent, bachelor, were well matched with the drolleries of Brother Reuben Dix-Peek as the philandering Peter Ferrill, while Sister Madeleine Harris as a rich young lady of romantic inclinations, Sister Lillian Quarterman, as maid, and Sister Lena Banfield as Mrs. Ferrill all did stellar work.

Other numbers which delighted the audience were Mr. Victor Vernon, who presented parlour magic with a dexterity which made everyone gasp; pianoforte solo, Miss A. Gibbons; recitations, Master E. Bailey and Elder Ray Wm. Ellsworth; violin solo, Mr. Ruskin; recitation, Miss T. Meeson; short sketch, "The Burglar," Sister Margaret Wilson and Sister Beatrix Julyan. Brother Alvin Park was chairman of the Programme Committee.

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The arrival of a seven-pound daughter, their first, is causing much rejoicing on the part of Brother Petrus L. and Sister Tilly Quick Stoman, of the Strand. The baby was born August 17. Both mother and child are doing well. Sister Stoman, prior to going to Zion, was from Port Elizabeth.

THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE.

By Elder Nephi Jensen, *Salt Lake City.*

One cold night in the winter of 1923 three elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held the first public meeting which had been conducted by our elders in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. At this meeting one of the elders spoke at length on the fulfillment of Bible prophecies in the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. At the conclusion of his discourse, a man in the audience arose and commenced to make objections to this divine record. For nearly a half hour he spoke in a rambling and indefinite way. He urged a number of vague criticisms. When he took his seat the elder walked down to him and handed him a Bible, opened at Revelation 14: 6-7, and asked him to read the text. While he looked intently at the page the elder remarked:

"One of three things is true about this prophecy. It has been fulfilled, or it is going to be fulfilled, or else part of your Bible is not true. What do you say about it?"

"Well, the prophecy is there all right," the man replied faintly, "I can't deny the Bible."

"Yes, the prophecy is truly in the Bible. Here it is:

"And I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

These two verses are undoubtedly prophetic. The language refers definitely and certainly to future events. The Revelator is not referring to something that had happened. Nor is he speaking of something that was taking place in his day. He is writing specifically of something of world wide moment that should take place in the last days, in the days of "God's judgment."

Nor is the meaning of the prophecy obscure. Read it again. It speaks very clearly of four important things: (1) An angel, or heavenly messenger, was to "fly in the midst of heaven"; (2) this angel should bring "the everlasting gospel"; (3) this gospel should be "preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people"; (4) the angel should warn the world to "fear God and give glory to him."

Has this prophecy been fulfilled? Let us see. In the year 1830, over 1,700 years after John wrote this prophecy, Joseph Smith gave to the world the Book of Mormon. He solemnly and positively declared that he had translated the book, by divine inspiration, from a record written in an ancient language, on gold plates; that these plates had been delivered to him by an angel; and that the book contains the everlasting Gospel which Christ had preached to the forefathers of the American Indians.

It is now nearly a hundred years since this book was first published. To-day over half a million high-minded and intelligent people accept the book as in fact and truth the "everlasting Gospel" brought to the earth by an angel. These people most devoutly believe that the book came into the world in literal fulfillment of John's prophecy. But this is not half the story. These people have for nearly a century, earnestly and persistently, striven to declare the message contained in the book to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people." At the present time they are maintaining at great expense about 2,000 missionaries in the field. This host of zealous workers are enthusiastically declaring, in every civilised nation of the world, that the angel of John's prophecy has come with the "everlasting Gospel."

Moreover, the Book of Mormon has had the very effect the angel's message should have upon those who would believe it. We are told that the angel would say with a loud voice: "Fear God, and give glory to him." From this language it is certain

that the angel's message would lead those who accept it to glorify God. It would inspire in their hearts a deeper love and reverence for their Maker. Has the Book of Mormon had this effect upon those who believe it? Let the facts speak. The Latter-day Saints give more generously per capita than any other people for the advancement of God's truth in the world. At their own expense, they send their sons and daughters to the very ends of the earth to call people to fear God, and glorify his name. These great sacrifices for the glory of God led a noted Eastern educator to say: "The Latter-day Saints put the church first and their private interests second." Is not this what the Revelator foresaw by prophetic foresight?

Some years ago I had a long conversation with an eminent divine in Altanta, Georgia, concerning the divinity of the Book of Mormon. In the course of our exchange of ideas the preacher asked: "Are there any predictions in the Bible of the coming of such a book?"

I told him that there were, and quoted the 6th verse of the 14th chapter of Revelation.

As soon as I had reached the last word of the text, the preached said quite earnestly: "But there is no proof that this angel came to Joseph Smith." I picked up the Book of Mormon and said: "Here is the proof."

Truly the book itself is the convincing "proof" that it fulfils John's prophecy. The book purports to be the "everlasting Gospel" brought to the earth by an angel. There is no other record for which this high claim is made. The book is actually and in truth accepted by a great people as the fulfillment of John's prophecy.

The people who have received it are persistently and earnestly declaring its message to all the world. It has already been translated into seventeen different languages.

In the light of these most significant facts we do not ask people to believe our mere recital of these things. We make a much bolder challenge. We ask the world to look and see what has happened before their very eyes. Are not these the very things which John foresaw, by divine inspiration, over seventeen centuries before they happened?

I had a long conversation one way with a very intelligent but sceptical friend on the fulfillment of the prediction in Rev. 14: 6-7. After I had mentioned the different particulars in which the coming forth of the Book of Mormon corresponded with the Revelator's prophecy, I asked:

"Can you think of a single circumstance, lacking in the story of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, to make it a complete, perfect fulfillment of John's prophecy?"

"No," my friend replied quietly.

"Why then do you not accept it as a divine revelation?" I asked.

"Because the very perfect agreement between the story of the production of the Book of Mormon and John's prophecy proves it was all designed by Satan."

According to this friend's way of thinking, the very perfection of a plan and design for inducing people to believe in God and honour him, is proof that the plan was devised by the arch-enemy of God!

Surely there is a better explanation of this marvellous, perfect correspondence between John's prophecy and its manifest fulfillment in our day. There is a more rational way to account for this age-old prophecy becoming actual history before our eyes. Is it not more sensible to believe that the unerring wisdom of Him who shapes the destiny of men and nations planned these things, and made the divine plan come true?

It cannot be said that these things just happened. They could not have come about by mere chance. The prophecy was written about 100 A.D. Its marvellous and literal fulfillment took place over 1,700 years after the forecast was committed to writing. Here is a mighty plan that spans seventeen centuries. Here is a scheme of events which no finite mind could plan and bring to pass. Surely He

who knows the end from the beginning ordained and brought these things to pass. It was divine foresight that gave the prophet the power to foresee these marvellous things so far in the future. It was divine inspiration that gave to the latter-day prophet the power to translate the record.

The Book of Mormon fits into and is a part of the divine plan of the ages. In the Revelator's divinely inspired prophecy we have proof of the truth of the poet's words:

"Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs
And works his sovereign will."

MISSION NEWS.

Port Elizabeth.

No. 23, Chapel Street, Port Elizabeth: Elder Clare B. Christensen, District President.

Nine baptisms and four children blessed was the Port Elizabeth record for the past month. Baptismal services were held on 29th June in the Old Swimming Bath, at which President Sheldon R. Free baptised Brother Le Roux and Sisters Joyce Brown, Johanna Fourie and Sarah M. Le Roux. The following Sunday, 30th June, Douglas Russell and Martinus Le Roux were blessed by President Free and Elder Clare B. Christensen respectively. On the morning of 1st July President Free also baptised Sister Maud Street.

Sister Maud Street left Port Elizabeth on 3rd July for Gwelo, Rhodesia, where she and her children, Edgar and Hazel, are spending a short holiday. Sister Alma Wassman journeyed with them to De Aar, where she took the train for Beaufort West.

On Sunday, 7th July, President Free blessed the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rudd, and Elder Christensen blessed Irene Sally Smith, infant daughter of Brother and Sister C. A. Smith.

Brother Lucas Barkhuizen was baptised by President Free in South End Valley on Saturday, 13th July. Five days later Brothers John McIntosh and Oliver McWilliams and Sister Frances F. McWilliams were baptised in the same place, also by President Free.

At the usual monthly visit to Uitenhage the elders were glad to greet Brother and Sister R. A. Brown, formerly of Bluecliff, who are now making their home at Uitenhage.

A gala fancy-dress social, honouring President Sheldon R. Free, who is leaving soon for home, was given by the M.I.A. on the evening of 25th July. About sixty persons were present and enjoyed the fun.

Elder Clare B. Christensen succeeded Elder Free as President of the Port Elizabeth District, on 6th August, when Elder Free commenced his journey homeward.

Johannesburg.

No. 395, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg: Elder O. Layton Alldredge, District President.

On 30th June Elder O. Layton Alldredge arrived back in Johannesburg from Durban, where he had been labouring for a month. He remarked, facetiously, that Durban celebrated his stay there by having "a big Kafir riot," and then, to climax his visit, they had that destructive hail storm we have all read so much about.

The Relief Society sisters conducted a very successful social and cocoa sale on 4th July at "Ramah." There were fifty-five present, the majority of whom were investigators.

On Sunday, 21st July, Sister Joyce L. M. Engh was baptised at "Ramah" by Elder O. Layton Alldredge, being confirmed by President Reed H. Beckstead.

Brother Mervil H. Engh returned from Lourenco Marques on 11th July from a business trip. While there he was able to do some tracting and leave several Books of Mormon.

Sister F. J. Spear and family left on 15th July for Witbank for a fortnight's holiday, in the course of which she was

able to do considerable missionary work, telling many of her friends and acquaintances of the gospel.

President Beckstead and Elder Berry paid the saints and friends in Pretoria a visit from 22nd to 25th July inclusive. They found that Sister P. Herholdt and Brother Andrew Du Toit were ill, and that Brother George Roghaar had been shot through the leg in a hunting accident, having been confined to the hospital for three weeks. All are now recovering satisfactorily.

The Johannesburg auxiliary organisations are in a healthy condition, having had good attendances during the past month. An average of nine investigators have attended Sunday evening services. Several new homes have also been opened up for regular visiting.

East London.

No. 95, St. Georges Road, East London: Elder Charles W. Larson, District President.

On 26th June District President Charles W. Larson and Elder Thomas Y. Wilson visited King William's Town and stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Behm, who very kindly arranged for their friends to come to their home for a meeting, which was enjoyed by all. Before leaving, District President Charles W. Larson had the opportunity of leaving a farewell message with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Behm and Mr. and Mrs. Pike, who were impressed greatly with his remarks.

On 5th July Elders Wells L. Evans and Winslow L. Hurst arrived in East London on their lecture tour. The lecture was given in the large Sons of England Hall on the following Saturday. They left at the beginning of the next week for Cathcart, but returned to East London on account of the very bad weather.

Elder Hurst, on his arrival, went to bed with the "flu," which kept him indoors for some time. He is now well again and has left for Port Elizabeth, where he will labour. Elder Evans left on 16th July for King William's Town.

Elder George C. Maw arrived on 1st August at East London to take up his missionary labours there. En route from Cape Town he stopped at Robertson, where he visited Brother and Sister Adolf Herbst for several days, and also at Port Elizabeth for a short stay. Elder Maw succeeded Elder Charles W. Larson as District President of East London District, when Elder Larson left on his homeward journey on 10th August.

Bloemfontein—Kimberley.

No. 34a, Old De Beers Road, Kimberley: Elder Bertram J. Glynn, District President.

The Twenty-fourth of July, Pioneer Day in the inter-mountain section of the United States, was celebrated auspiciously in Bloemfontein, when Elder Wells L. Evans arrived and gave his lecture in the town hall on mining, agriculture and beauty spots in America and of the ancient ruins of Central America.

During the week Elder Evans has lectured in several of the schools in Bloemfontein and Kimberley, and at some of the small towns, Boshof and Dealesville, between the two cities, each time with marked success, arousing much interest in America and the Book of Mormon.

Elder Bertram J. Glynn has been kept very busy in the two districts of Kimberley and Bloemfontein and has made several trips between the two places during the month of July, spending much time visiting saints and investigators.

The elders are now planning to organise the Kimberley Branch so that local saints may have more opportunity to carry on the work.

Attention is called to the new mission address, 19a Third Avenue, Bloemfontein, the former address being 113 Monument Road.

Elder Bertram J. Glynn was appointed District President for Bloemfontein and Kimberley on 5th August, succeeding Elder William B. Holland, who sailed for home on 19th July.

Cape District.

"Cumorah," Main and Grove Roads, Mowbray: Elder R. W. Ellsworth, District President.

The Cape Mutual Improvement Association held a misfit social on 25th June, which turned out to be a most enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Lotz, the mother of Mr. Lotz, a friend of the Cape District elders, died on 25th June. Elders Leroy H. Duncan, Ray Wm. Ellsworth and George C. Maw were pall-bearers at the funeral on 26th June.

Elders Maw and Ellsworth tracted at Simonstown on 28th June, where they were able to meet many who were interested in the Gospel; they also distributed six Books of Mormon.

Brother Harry Spear (the Mormon Boy Scout representative from South Africa) called at "Cumorah" on 2nd July on his way to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree in England. Brother Spear is from the Bloemfontein Branch. On 5th July he left for England on the R.M.S. "Edinburgh Castle."

District President Duncan and Elder Ellsworth left on 17th July for Stellenbosch to visit friends in that district, returning the following day. Mr. and Mrs. O'Conner kindly provided for them.

On 21st July Elder Greene and President Duncan left for The Strand and vicinity to visit and meet with friends and saints there. They returned on 22nd July.

Elder George C. Maw left Cape Town on 25th July to take up his labours in East London. Elder Maw has a number of friends in Kimberley, where he laboured prior to coming to Cape District in the latter part of May, 1929.

Sister Freda Daphne J. Harris was baptised on 28th July by Elder Vern D. Greene and confirmed by Elder Clarence S. Barker.

Sister Daisy Bathurst and Mr. Bathurst returned from Durban, Natal, on 31st July, after having spent a holiday of several weeks.

A rousing farewell social honouring Elder Leroy H. Duncan was held at "Cumorah" on 30th June under the auspices of the M.I.A. About seventy-five attended and participated in the impromptu concert and programme. Other socials in honour of Elder Duncan were given on 24th July by Brother George Kehl and family, and on 29th July by Brother Wm. P. Daniels and family. Great feeling and faith were displayed by Elder Duncan in his farewell talk on Sunday, 28th July, to which a body of sixty saints, investigators and friends listened with much love in their hearts.

Dr. (Brother) and Sister Philipp Wagner and two children left Cape Town on 1st August for their home at Aliwal North, after having made several enjoyable visits to "Cumorah." Dr. Wagner was ordained a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood on Sunday, 28th July, by Mission President Don Mack Dalton.

On 1st August Elder Duncan also left. He is making a short tour of Africa for a month and will catch the boat at Lourenco Marques for Europe, where he will make a tour and then return home.

Elder Ray William Ellsworth succeeds Elder Duncan as Cape District President. Elder Ellsworth was labouring at East London, where he has a number of friends, before being transferred to Cape Town about the middle of March, 1929.

The condition of Brother George Kehl, who was seriously injured on 4th August in a motor cycle accident near Mowbray Hospital, is reported to be as satisfactory as may be expected. His left arm was broken in two places and will require considerable time to mend thoroughly. Sister Kehl and daughter Arline also sustained painful bruises. Daphne and the baby, who were also in the smash-up, fortunately escaped injury.

Durban.

No. 6, Michell Road, P.O. Box 2189, Durban, Natal: Elder Rex C. Ellsworth, District President.

Sister Gertrude Chisholm, long a friend and investigator in the Durban Branch, was baptised on Saturday, 20th July, by District President Rex. C. Ellsworth. She was confirmed a member of the Church the next day by Elder Bertram C. Cutforth.

TRANSFERS and ASSIGNMENTS.

Elder L. Winslow Hurst has been transferred from the lecture tour to the Port Elizabeth district.

Elder Herman J. Smith has been transferred to the Bloemfontein-Kimberley district from the Johannesburg district.

Saints Selling Many Books of Mormon.

A total of 153 Books of Mormon have been distributed to date by saints and friends in the Book of Mormon co-operative missionary work sponsored by President Don Mack Dalton, who is offering personally book and cash awards.

Getting the Book of Mormon into new homes is one of the surest ways of spreading the gospel and making new friends, President Dalton points out, showing much gratification at the splendid results thus far achieved.

Among the districts, Port Elizabeth still leads, having disposed of 62 copies.

Among the individuals, those at the top are: Wm. P. Daniels, Cape, first, 16 copies; Mervil Howard Engh, Johannesburg, second, 10 copies; F. J. Spear, Johannesburg, third. 9 copies; Nellie P. Cawood, Port Elizabeth, fourth, 8 copies; Maud A. Street, Port Elizabeth, P. L. Stoman, and Annie K. Banfield, Cape, ties for fifth place, each having placed 6 copies.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT:

N. P. Cawood 8, M. Street 6, Celia Russel 5, C. A. Smith 5, J. McWilliams 4, R. K. F. Doller 3, O G. Doller 3, T. Muller 3, F. Bateman 2, J. Bateman 2, P. J. Doller 2, R. Doller 2, E. Humphries 2, K. Henderson 2, A. S. Seaward 2, P. H. Seaward 2, S. Smith 2, E. J. van der Walt 2, M. Humphries 1, M. Henderson 1, J. H. Seaward 1, M. H. Seaward 1, V. Smith 1.—Total 62.

CAPE DISTRICT:

W. P. Daniels 16, P. L. Stoman 6, A. K. Banfield 6, G. Kehl 3, E. Kemm 2, W. Park 2, Mr. Marais 2, W. H. Murphy 2, M. Wilson 2, G. Kesselaar 1, J. Holman 1, E. Sawyer 1, R. Dix Peek 1, F.A. Kessalaar, L.J. Swart 1.—Total 47.

JOHANNESBURG DISTRICT:

M. H. Engh 10, F. J. Spear 9, J. P. Brummer 2, L. G. Muir 1, F. E. Smith 1, George Cable 1, E. P. Muir 1.—Total 25.

BLOEMFONTEIN-KIMBERLEY DIST.:

M. E. Smith 4, M. Grotique 2, S. Grotique 2, R. Penny 2, H. M. Grobelaar 2, D. D. D. Greenberg 1, A. Hubert 1, W. McCleery 1, T. Hubert 1,—Total 16

DURBAN DISTRICT:

L. D. Moore 1, G. A. Sweeney 1, A. Fagan 1.—Total 3.

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